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A STORY OF AFRICA.

I.

I drank from the wine delicious stream as my anger back.

In the Sourberg mountain range of South Africa nestles a lovely village, known to the colonists by the appropriate name of Drowsy Dorp. It was settled by the Holland Dutch long before the advent of British rule, and is about one mile square in size and form. Its wide streets run at right angles, while a slight incline of surface permits one strong spring of pure water from the neighboring mountain to be divided by sluyts, and so pour a stream along the edge of each sidewalk, serving at once for domestic purposes and irrigation. The houses are built at a distance from the side paths and from each other, the yards being lined with Kaffir kearns, interlaced oaks and large, double flowered cherry trees.

The front yards are hedged with perpetual rose trees, clipped lemons and oleanders in continuous bloom. The gardens, in front and behind, are filled with orange, loquet, guava and peach trees. The plats planted with bushels, grapevines, red currants and pomegranates, while the homestead separating divisions are walls of fig trees, quinces and sour limes, mixed with bamboo fronds. In fact, all the temperate and subtropical fruits abound, and as each house has an acre of ground the town looks, among the parched, brown topped, surrounding country, like an emerald set in dull dark green velvet.

I first saw it in the late evening, after a twelve hours' ride through a scorched, burned up and arid district. I was weary with a long, hot ride, and suffering from intense thirst. I pulled my tired horse up at the first sluyt, and, dismounting, drank from the same delicious stream as my eager back, and as the cool liquid gratification flowed past me to him I felt that his satisfaction was equal to my own. It is only by an Africander or an Arab that the full force of Moses striking the rock can be appreciated. Holding the bridle rein loosely in my hand, I sat on the sluyt bank, relieved from straining heat by the overhanging trees and the shades of evening.

The smell of the roses and orange blossoms, the ripple of the running water and the twinkling lights of the houses gave a feeling of enjoyment, rest and satisfaction so complete that I resolved to abide there, and have ever since looked upon the Dorpens the paradise of the province. At the date of this narrative I had lived in it three years, and throve with the village. Drowsy Dorp is placed at the mouth of a large kloof or narrow valley, running far into the interior of the range, but which opened out into a considerable flat expanse about ten miles from the village called Jack's Flat, pronounced "Vaals Flaat."

The road through the range ran the whole length of the valley, and many smaller kloofs branching off from it held farms of great extent, giving sustenance to large browsing herds of cattle and sheep.

In a branch kloof, rather broader than the rest, dwelt a middle aged Boer with a bright and handsome daughter, who was just at that age where "brook and river meet."

She did not want for suitors, but owing to their numbers and the colonial fashion of housing and boarding wooers free for the time of their remaining, the father did not look favorably upon any new advance, the more so as he was a widower, and his daughter kept house. His farm was known as Sand Fontein, it having a natural spring upon it which was dug deep into a pond of one quarter of an acre and planted around with weeping willows, in whose branches flocks of various birds always hovered and to whose pendulous twigs the numerous weaver birds had attached hundreds of nests.

Water, in that dry land, means life, wealth and happiness to man and beast, for the sunshine is always there. At the fork, where the way to the farm joined the main road, Jack's Flat commenced. There was a slight bank about six feet deep on one side of the road, and in traveling on dark nights wagons going too near the edge had on some rare occasions toppled over; and there was an uncertain legend that some one, at a long past period, had been killed by this kind of accident. Moreover, there was a rumor that Hitgen, the owner of Sand Fontein, had first come to the place with his brother and his dead father's female ward, to settle in the then new lands of the Sourberg. They had quarreled fiercely about the girl and one of them, the best beloved, was killed. That the girl ultimately married the survivor, but after the birth of a child gradually pined away and died upon the grave of the dead man, whose name was supposed to have been Jack.

However this might be, there was certainly a mound like a grave at the fork. The byenas had commenced all around it years ago, digging for the contents, but some one (report said Hitgen) had filled up each hole with large stones as fast as they were made, until the unclean beasts had given up all attempts.

In the end Jack's Flat had acquired a bad name, and any one passing it after dark hurried their passage a little to get away from its eerie locality. When Hitgen' daughter began to draw lovers things approached a crisis. Every now and then some young man, whose character for veracity was beyond a doubt, declared that on returning from Hitgen' during the night they heard and saw things unspeakable. Each told a different tale, but all agreed in the horror of it.

The young men began to cease their visits, and at length, as the lady showed no preference, only one continued to pay his weekly call.

I being that one, it is necessary to say something about myself.

I was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and early became an orphan. My aunt struggled to keep me and give me that schooling which all Caledonian youth get, until at thirteen years of age I went as cabin boy on board a ship bound for Algoa Bay, where one of their black contbeasters drove our ship on shore, a complete wreck. Refusing another ship, I wandered into the interior, and knowing the use of tools through my aunt's husband, who was a carpenter, I served a short apprenticeship to a wagon maker, then worked as journeyman until I had saved enough to set up on my sole account, and in my twenty-fifth year found myself established in business, with a house, garden and shop of my own, in the village of Drowsy Dorp. I had four spirited horses and most of the fixings for an Africander, all I wanted was a wife, and Hitgen' daughter seemed to fill the bill. I was not such a pushing lover as some of the other suitors, for it was my desire to watch the girl and be assured that I made no ruinous mistake in the most vital act of my life, and I did not at the time experience any of the frightful incidents which had so closely followed my rivals. But one dark night, some time after I had become the sole pretendant, my turn came.

It is the custom of the South African Boers to eat their heaviest meal at about ten o'clock at night. This is owing to the warmth of the climate and the flies, which are both largely got rid of about that hour.

In consequence a "spark" does not see much of his "attraction" until approaching eleven p. m., and then a short half hour in all that time allows for purposes of lovemaking.

Necessarily, I always stood to supper, and then for a little chat after it, lasting to go, for before me was a lonely ride of twenty miles in the dark, dismal bush. Whether it was because I appeared to be her last chance or because a quaint fancy had made her appreciate me better, Katarina began to be very gracious to me. Her face lighted up when I arrived, and she seemed to cling to me when I left.

For myself I had found her industrious, clean, intelligent and good humored, so my affection grew apace; besides, and above all, she was a handsome woman. I had separated from my love with great hopes, for I had received my first parting kiss and a request to return soon, two things which a Cape girl does not give unless she means them.

It would be almost daylight when I arrived at the village. The night was dark and the time just upon "thae wee sma' hours ayant the twal." My ride would have been an unpleasant one to a greenhorn, but although I was sometimes followed by a pack of hyena wolves or jackals, and once shot a leopard which sprang at me from the side of the road, and also knew that I was taking chances (largely in my favor) of meeting a lion on the stalk, I had no thought of danger.

My head and heart were full of hopeful and successful love. So fear was "awa." Suddenly the fact that I was entering the narrow part of the kloof and approaching Jack's Flat struck me. I might never passing the grave at the fork but I felt a doubt and an expectation, not so much from actual dread of the unknown as from the fact that many of my rivals who had been scared were old comrades of mine, having passed through a Kaffir war together, and I was aware of their courage and frank truthfulness.

I did not doubt their having seen some horrors, but thought perhaps they might be accounted for in some rational or common way.

The narrow part of the kloof I now entered was in itself an "uncanny place," not more than thirty yards wide, three quarters of which was at present the dry bed of a torrent, the drainage of the whole kloof and hills about it. This, during the rainy season, was a strong river, joining the still larger one, which ran down the main kloof at Jack's Flat. The road way was much the highest side, and the stones, which had rolled down the hill and had accumulated at the bottom, swarmed with those large, flat, bullet shaped lizards peculiar to the cape, and said to be poisonous. The dense bush came down to the torrent bed on one side and to the road edge upon the other. Scarcely had my horse's hoofs commenced to echo down the gorge than a fearful series of piercing screams, howls and shrieks vibrated from the other end of the clough, growing louder and more horrible as I neared the fork. My horse, a young and spirited animal, was commencing to get frightened, particularly as every now and then the screams became partly like the snapping, laughing, ferocious howl of the spotted hyena.

The grave was on the other side of the large torrent bed on Jack's Flat, and in such a dark night, with naught but dim starlight, things were not distinctly discernible, but the yelling din came from that spot, and I could dimly perceive two creatures fiercely contesting on top of the grave itself. The figures were in perpetual struggle and movement, sometimes one on top, and at times the other; it was evidently an intense and ferocious fight for mastery between creatures new and strange to me.

One appeared to be an enormous baboon, as big as a large man, but with a hyena's head, and from whom that particular howl came. The other was a stupendous ant bear, with what looked like the head of a baboon. I distinctly heard and partly saw these strange objects, and straining my eyes with my hair almost on end in desperation, urged my horse toward the grave. He shrank from the objects, and sidling to the edge of the larger torrent bed, refused to go farther. I dreaded risking his legs among the large cobblestones which loosely formed the torrent bed, and so turned his head in order to try the effect of a rifle ball on the fiendly outlined strugglers.

But my horse took the bit in his teeth and immediately started off at a gallop down the main kloof toward the village. I managed after awhile to master him, turn him and walk him back to the fork, but nothing was to be seen or heard except the growl of a leopard in the distant hills, which was, as usual, like a man sawing wood.

I wrestled with myself for having failed to decide upon what I had heard and seen. I was annoyed at being in precisely the same situation as my rivals were in the matter of knowing what it was which scared pie, so to avoid a jeer I determined to hold silence and await events.

I do not believe the creatures I saw were supernatural or fiends from a lower world, while at the same time I did not know of anything on earth which was like them in shape or voice.

I thought if spirits returning were a possibility that it might not have been Hitgen who killed his brother, and that the evil ghosts of the original contestants, fearfully deformed, were suffering a periodical renewal of their strife. But I was at sea in conjecture and so staid for further developments.

Having become an accepted lover, custom as well as desire compelled my visiting my inamorata twice a week, viz., Wednesdays and Saturdays, staying in the outhouse at Hitgen' all Saturday night.

I made several of these visits and stoppings, but never heard or saw anything more.

Our wedding day was decided on, and it was agreed that Katarina should go to the Bay and buy her trousseau, staying at her cousin's in the town during her visit. I was to drive her, of course, and so brought my new Cape cart and two best horses for the occasion. It was a twelve hours' ride, so we started very early in the morning and arrived in Algoa Bay about four o'clock p. m.

The evening was spent in visiting, and in the morning, while the ladies went to make their purchases, I took the opportunity of doing some business on my own account.

I found the Jack's Flat mystery had reached the Bay with the usual exaggerations, and I was closely questioned as to my knowledge of them. Of course I avoided the subject, and my reticence so sharpened the curiosity that, when at noon Katarina told me she was ready to return I lost no time, but had the cart and horses at her cousin's door in quick order.

We started with a host of good wishes accompanying us, and making only one stoppage reached the Dorp in good time. The horses being a little worn, I changed at my house, putting in a pair of fresh, leaf broken colts.

It was about midnight when we reached the fork at Jack's Flat, and we turned to go up the branch kloof. This was the most dangerous part of the road, for here the thick bushes hung over the track, doubling the darkness, while the precipitous bank of the torrent bed approached close to the hero narrow roadway.

Suddenly Katarina exclaimed, "What is that on the near horse's head?" I looked, and the young colts, always restive, were in fright. The near horse had what looked in the darkness like a white bald pillow on his face and head, while the off horse was trying his best to bite the white object off the head of his fellow, but both were out of control and were gradually nearing the steep bank of the torrent bed.

I could dimly perceive two creatures fiercely contesting.

I felt that prompt action was called for, and so, shouting to the team I dashed them into a gallop. The white object disappeared from the near horse, but it was a most unaccountable incident, and might have had serious results. During the few months in which I saw those two strange occurrences, others immeasurable were scared and frightened, until it would have been difficult to find a native who would pass Jack's Flat after dark, while even the whites were more afraid than they admitted. Our wedding day at last came round, and all were pleased but my father-in-law, who appeared to see our marriage as if it was his own execution.

He had given a grumbling consent, which was almost a refusal, and now said no word, but sat glowering and despondent in the large arm chair on the village piazza, evidently over the distant hills and valleys.

We were married in the Dutch church at the Bay, and a sumptuous return to the dorp received no welcome from Hitgen. My bride and her friends went into the large front room to refresh. Meantime I sat myself down by my father-in-law and commenced at once to talk business, but he paid not the least attention. In vain I strove to draw him into conversation. So, making haste, I approached the main subject of my interest now.

"Mynheer! I am married to your daughter, and we must live together. Now if she cannot stay here she must come to my house in the village. It is not very far away, and we will do the best we can. But if you are willing that we both should stay with you, why I will my business for a cheaper price, let my house for rent and come and live here with my two children. I can still make wagons, using the timber in your kloofs for that purpose; and I will see that your farm produces twice as much as it does now.

"I have no parents, so you shall be my father as well as Katarina's."

The old man appeared to wake from his lethargy at my mention of our living together; showed a strange interest in my remarks; got quite excited as I proceeded, till he finally jumped up from his chair, and seizing both my hands, said in his native Boer Dutch:

"What! Mr. Young, you want your wife to live with me and your home there before!" Why did you not say that before?" "Because I could not talk about my wife until she was my wife."

"Yes, I see; but now that she is your wife you wish to live with me. I always thought you wanted to carry away my girl, like all the others did, but I did not like you for wanting to do that. But now you say you want to stay with me. I tell you it pleases me that she married you, and if you live with me you shall be my son and the best friend I have in the world. Let us go in and drink healths."

Here the old Boer took my hand, and leading me into the room, full of guests, said aloud, while his face beamed with pleasure: "Health to all, for I have rejoiced at the marriage of my daughter with Mr. Young, and I accept him as my son forever."

My young wife, who had kept a sort of reserve melancholy and gladness all the day, sprang from her seat and with tears of joy embraced her father, saying, "Now I am happy; all I wanted was for you to like my husband." The old father kissed his child, and replied, "I always respected your husband as a good, worthy man, but I could not like any man who was going to take my daughter from me." Here my wife interrupted with, "I never intended to do so; I was to have my own wish, and my wish is to always live in my dear father's house." "Ah!" said the old man, "Why did you not before? but, enough. My misery is turned into joy. This day is one of the happiest of my life. Musiek Maniek! Dance! Dance! Welcome all the world! For I shall not lose my girl, and have this day gained a son." Here the music struck up. The large front kamer was cleared, and the fun and feasting, fast and furious, was kept up for two days and nights.

Every one who could come from the village and the neighboring farms, most of them bringing either provisions or presents, and neither I nor Katarina knew how many friends we had until our wedding brought them out.

Strange to say, the ghost was seen by many when returning at night from the dance, but this time it was a single figure only. Many ran, and afterward found they had lost a kareen, a shawl, or other trifle, which no search in daylight could ever find. This was the only drawback to the festivities, and Jack's Flat obtained a worse name than ever for those who believed in the supernatural dreaded the fiends; while those who denied the spiritual agency declared the ghost was a thief.

II.

"The Skeleton! The Skeleton!"

It was fully six months before old Hitgen became acquainted with the facts, and then only by accident, for we kept all things likely to annoy from him. A wandering Boer, seeking some strayed horses, called at the place for refreshments, and after eating sat with Hitgen on the stoep to smoke, where, finding the old man knew nothing of the ghost's late performances, he told them, with all the natural additions.

My father-in-law, the Boer afterward told me, looked aghast, sprang from his chair like a young man, exclaiming: "The Skeleton! The Skeleton! The villain! Good day, my friend," holding his hand to shake the Boer's. "Good day. I have serious business to attend to; excuse me," and he went into the house.

The wandering Boer mounted his horse and went up the mountains.

That night my father-in-law appeared thoughtful and ate little supper. He went early to bed, saying perhaps hunger might come in the morning.

In the morning, on calling him, which was rarely necessary, we found that his bed had not been slept in, that he was missing and that his long Dutch gun was missing also.

We sent one of the Hottentot hands up in his spoor, or trail, which seemed to lead down the kloof to Jack's Flat.

In about three hours the bushman returned in great terror with the story that the old Baas Hitgen was dead, laid on his back upon the haunted grave with his long gun upon his neck. To saddle and mount was the work of two minutes, and I started, leaving the man to follow with the cart and my wife as quickly as possible.

On arriving at the fork, I found things just as reported, Hitgen extended on the grave. He had been killed strangulation, having been held down with his own gun pressed upon his throat. Signs of a severe struggle were abundant, and my Hottentot pointed out the spoor of a naked foot, as also the felt schoon of Hitgen himself.

My wife now arrived with the cart and after consoling her as long as time would permit, I galloped off to the Dorp to warn the Feld Cornet for summoning the inquest. There in the village I found a half grown Hottentot lad, almost white with terror, who had arrived that morning, having passed Jack's Flat at midnight. His tale was:

He came down the Flat he heard shouts and growlings, and then the grave a black and white mat ling and fighting. He crep long by, and when a little pas nantess fled with all his speed for the nearest settlement, which was the Dorp.

This only corroborated the evidence o murder, and after ordering a coffin I rode back speedily, but with an anxious speculating mind, to my mourning home, where my wife was waiting to be comforted.

In due time the inquest came and the funeral speedily followed, while Jack's Flat got a worse name than ever—if that were possible—so much so that no one would pass the fork after sunset.

I had begun considerable market gardening on the farm for the purpose of supplying the shipping in Algoa Bay, and periodically drove down wagons loaded with vegetables and produce; so making considerable profit.

It sometimes happened that I could not go myself, but forwarded to my agent in the bay, and received an account of sale and balance by return. I had dug a large amount of young potatoes, which together with some early fruits loaded a wagon, ready to start in the cool of the evening. My wife expressed her desire to go with it, as she wanted to make some purchases. Of course she went, taking with her a civilized Kaffir servant girl, a Hottentot driver and a forelooper or ox leader in the shape of a small boy, the driver's son.

It was about a week after the rainy season, and the torrent beds in both kloofs were full of water, though no longer running, so the wagon had to cross the drift of the larger torrent bed at the fork to get on to the road down the main kloof.

The wagon arrived at the Bay all right and returned, reaching the Dorp about six in the evening. I had requested my wife to outspan near the village and start for home early in the morning, but there being so much grass and water on the road the oxen were not at all tired on their back journey with an empty wagon, so she determined to give me a pleasant surprise by coming much sooner than expected.

About midnight the wagon arrived at Jack's Flat, where the oxen, evidently scared by something in front of them on the roadway, began to struggle from the path. This being extremely dangerous at this place, the boy was roused from sleep and told to forloop the oxen. He started to do so at once, but presently came back, flying into the rear of the wagon tent, saying, "Spook! mieks! spook!" The boy was too frightened to be of further service, but the driver—the best I ever had—stuck manfully to his seat on the wagon chest in front, and by a free and firm use of his long bamboo whip, with its fifteen feet of lash, got the oxen well into the drift. My wife had in the meantime crawled to the front of the tented wagon, and thus described what she saw: Under a large, dark bush, which was close by the road and overhanging it, stood a gigantic skeleton, with what appeared a coal of ardent fire upon its head, and she saw the same through the tail of the wagon after passing it. Expecting to see it enter the rear of the wagon, she snatched down her rifle, and just as she had it in rest and the oxen were in midstream, something, she could not see what, knocked the driver off the box. No way discouraged, he mounted again, and bravely got the wagon across the drift and out of danger.

Looking out of the back of the wagon my wife declared that she saw by the starlight the skeleton form walking along the bank edge of the water and the reflection of its figure in the shining surface. Nothing further happened then that night. About two weeks after this last episode the female Kaffir servant, in looking at the pictures of an illustrated magazine, came upon an anatomy and immediately screamed, "The spook, the spook!" so she must have seen it also.

This became a trouble to me, the more so as the civil commissioner or magistrate spoke to me privately about the trouble at the Flat and told me that as I was proprietor of the territory where all this occurred my character obliged me to discover and end the trouble, and so enable him to punish the guilty.

The general belief was that it was all owing to Hitgen having killed his brother in the old time, but I and the commissioner thought it was material crime which was responsible.

Still I was troubled, and it was some time before I thought out a plan, but no sooner did so than I put it into practice. I sent my wife to the Bay with a load of potatoes—four tons—with directions to remain there with her cousin and on no account to return by that wagon; to let the empty wagon outspan at the Dorp on its return, when two of my male friends would get in and ride to my place, but to lie down in the wagon just as they came to the fork.

In the evening I crept down, alone and on foot, but with my rifle on my shoulder, to the fork and hid myself behind some extra large boulders right opposite the bush where my wife and others had seen the skeleton. I lay patiently for hours, and at last was rewarded about midnight by hearing the wheels and the whip of the returning wagon. As it approached the drift the skeleton appeared and threw on the road and right in front of the oxen some white object, and the leaders began to straggle in fear. One of the men from the village had ousted the regular driver and was unable to master the animals, who were fast drawing to the high bank and would inevitably rip over the ponderous wagon and most likely kill or wound some one, not to speak of drowning the cattle. I waited no longer, but fired both barrels alternately at the figure in the bush, which immediately vanished. I then seized the leading oxen by the head's run, picked up the white object (the dried skin of an owl) and requested my friends to camp till morning. I sent the wagon home with orders to bring back horses for four by daylight. At daybreak the horses arrived, bringing with them refreshments for the party and my Hottentot driver (a native bosjesman), who commenced to hunt for a spoor. He was busy for some time and then disappeared in the bush, but after a spell from about half way up the mountain yelled to us, beckoning with his hand. We dismounted, for the thorns were dense, and leaving our animals in charge of one of our party, myself and remaining friend made our way through the thick cactuses and mimoses to where our driver was. He held up to our view a small wad of twisted grass smeared with blood. We all knew what it was without explanation—it was the wad which a wounded Kaffir uses to stop a bullet hole.

"I followed a Kaffir spoor," said our driver, "and found this, and this," exclaimed he, jumping a few feet farther and picking a blade of dry grass with one drop of blood on it. "The Kaffir is hit badly; baas, let us follow the spoor."

So we went on the trail, which became more and more blood marked, until we came in sight of a hut occupied by our rear mountain herd, fully five miles from the fork.

He was a Kaffir named Amaklos, and had been with Hitgen from boyhood. Of giant stature and, untiring vigor, he made an exceptional herd, both for skill and courage; besides, he was quiet and unsuspected.

When we came to his small kraal we called him. His wife—he had but one—came to the door and said he was sick, ill or well, he must come, or better still we go in to him. We crawled in through the Kaffir doorway.

After becoming used to the light we saw Amaklos stretched on a pile of karosses a little raised above the always clean floor of the Kaffir hut.

It was evident he was mortally wounded, and perhaps dying. A gourd of water was by his side, and he had been bathing his wounded in the hope of curing it; his face was still white and his anatomy still emphasized with the lime clay smeared along each prominent bone to make him appear a skeleton. Many balls had penetrated his body, and it was only a question of minutes before the man would die.

"Amaklos, your are going to die."

"I think so too, baas," replied the herd, "your balls have gone far in. I went once too often, but I wanted another wife, and now I shall have none."

"Tell us all about it, Amaklos, and I'll care for your wife and child."

"This is it, baas. You see I and the old Baas Hitgen were acquainted from my boyhood, for my father was his herd before me. All things went well until so many young fellows came to get the young frau without giving cows. The old baas would rather die than let his daughter leave the place, so he got me to help him, and we began to scare the wife hunters. We always chose dark nights, and taking advantage of the bad name attached to Jack's Flat, we managed in a thousand ways to frighten all but you. Dressed as you saw us, in skins and heads, we risked our lives to clear the field. But you stuck and the old baas did not want any more scaring after you received no stay at the farm.

"One of the first frightened crowd dropped his double rifle and was too scared to stop and pick it up. I got it, and sending it into my tribe at Amaklokaas for sale or to exchange for cows to buy a wife with, my chief, Ureli, having for witchcraft just eaten up a man, sent me one of that man's daughters for my gun. This grand success and fortune set me on the hunt to get more, and I tried my hand alone on the strictures at your wedding. I obtained a few women's traps, but never again a great haul to get another wife.

"One night the old baas came in a great rage to my hut, and finding me out—for I was at the fork and sitting on the grave—he came there to me threatening to shoot me, to have me flogged by the provost. I, a Kaffir! He seized me, but I held his gun, and while he struggled to kill me I tried to defend myself, and in one real strife (which we had so often mimicked) I held his gun so long and so pressed against his throat that at last I found he weakened and was dead.

"I did not trouble myself much about this, as I looked upon it as unintentional, but still when trying to get plunder to buy another wife, when I intended to leave off. But last night I went once too often. Are you certain I shall die, baas?"

"Yes; you are dying now, Amaklos; but tell me, what did you stick on my horse's head when I passed in the cart?"

"Oh, my eighbad he, 'only the white owl skin, with the points of the wings tied together. It takes but little to frighten people who are already half scared by a rabid fancy. But, baas—I can't talk—I am going—take my wife and child—and, baas—take my hands—goodby"——and, baas—take my hands—goodby"——and, baas—take my hands—goodby"——

Here he fell back, and with this sudden notice the man was dead.

From the inquest, during which all things came out, until this time, nothing extraordinary has been seen at the fork, though by far the largest portion of the travelers who pass are still a little chary of this spot.—*St. Louis Republic.*

—A TIMOTHY FARMER.—A car load of choice timothy and clover seed just received at W. D. Gallup's.

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OUR CANDIDATES.

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For President
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of Indiana.

For Vice-President
WHITELAW REID
of New York

STATE.

Judges of the Supreme Court
JOHN DEAN,
of Blair County.

Congressmen-at-Large
JOHN WANAMAKER
of Philadelphia County
MAJOR ALEXANDER McDOWELL
of Mercer County

Electors-at-Large
H. F. Jenks, Pittsburg. William Elliott, Philadelphia. J. P. Dunlap, Lancaster. W. H. Sayres, Delaware.

DISTRICT

Congressman in Congress,
For the 27th Congressional District
C. W. STONE
of Warren County

WHITELAW REID.

We announced in most of our editions last week the nomination of Benjamin Harrison by the Minneapolis convention, as the Republican candidate for President. This week we are more than pleased to be able to state that the ticket was completed by the nomination of Whitelaw Reid, the accomplished editor of the N. Y. Tribune, for Vice President.

Mr. Reid was born in Ohio in October, 1837. He was a great student from his early childhood, and was so far advanced in his studies that at the age of fifteen he entered the Sophomore class in the Miami University. He graduated with high honors before he was twenty years old. From choice he adopted the profession of a journalist and has adhered to that calling to the present time. It was back in the battles when he first took an editorial position on the *Tribune* and to-day he is the virtual owner of that great paper. The only official position he has ever held was that of Minister to France which he was prevailed upon to accept from President Harrison in March 1889. He resigned and came home in April of the year. In 1881 Mr. Reid married the daughter of D. O. Mills one of the wealthiest men of New York and they have two children.

Harrison and Reid to a strong combination and there can be but little doubt of their election in November next.

FAIRNESS IN POLITICS.

There is no reason why entire fairness should not govern the action of those who seek political preferment for themselves or friends. The Miner has studiously avoided showing any preference for either of the candidates who are seeking the senatorial renomination. They are both thoroughly competent for the position and are equally well known to the Republican electors of the county who are able to judge for themselves who should represent them in the Senate the coming four years. But information has reached us from different sources, recently, that men are travelling through the old sections of the county and asserting that candidate Hamilton is running in opposition to the present existing interests of the county. This is not true and is not fair or honorable politics, and the men who are circulating these reports know it is not true. Mr. Hamilton has been engaged in the oil producing business more or less, for ten or twelve years past he has been a member of the Pennsylvania Protective Association ever since the organization was made and one of the committee of Producers which was sent to Harrisburg to work for the passage of the Billingsly bill was an earnest supporter of the Burdick bill in the last legislature, and is to-day receiving the active support of many of the leading oil producers of the county. We say this much as a matter of justice and fair dealing, and as much would be said in behalf of any other candidate who, we believed, was being misrepresented.

Hon. Warner Miller was one of the earnest supporters of Mr. Blaine at the Minneapolis convention and this is what he said on his way home from that convention. The Republican party will support Harrison loyally and enthusiastically. I have been in too many political battles to cherish any resentment against the nominee, and I never used a political knife in my life and never will. I supported Mr. Blaine because it was my best judgment that he would be the strongest man both nationally in the upper counties in N. Y. St. I decided to support Mr. Blaine only after I had received numerous dispatches from those sections requesting me to vote for him. But now we are all for Harrison and victory and there are no factions, and there will be none. I believe Mr. Harrison is stronger in New York to-day than he was in 1888 when he swept the state. Republicans and decent Democrats have been aroused alike as they have never been aroused before by the theft of New York state committed last fall and the people will express their sentiments on these disreputable methods in a very emphatic way. Then too, Mr. Reid will add greatly to the strength of the ticket.

What the Democrats want now is a man with no record and no reputation with no platform to stand on.

The Consistent Republican Party.

The nomination ties to with the last plank of the platform commending the brilliant and patriotic administration. The logical sequel to the adoption of that plank was the renomination of President Harrison. The Republican party is always consistent. Its practice squares with its principles. New York Tribune.

The Work of Deliberate Judgment.

His (Harrison's) nomination was made by a clear and decisive majority not as a result of impulse or enthusiasm but of the deliberate judgment of the party as presented through its local representatives. There will be no question of the party's enthusiastic ratification of this judgment. Detroit Tribune.

A Magic Tribute.

The victory may properly be classed with the great events in our political history. It was achieved under circumstances of unprecedented complications and is a triumph that pays the highest tribute to the character and services of the successful contestant. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Good Thing for the Party.

This nomination is undoubtedly a good thing for the Republican party. Moreover Mr. Harrison is the legitimate and logical candidate. He matches the principles and the platform of the party which has placed him in nomination for a second term. Boston Post (Dem.).

Just the Same.

Harrison is the leader and every true Republican will rally to his standard with the same determination that would have been shown if Mr. Blaine had been the standard bearer. Chicago Tribune.

They Will Receive Him.

Now, opposition, open up your guns on Benjamin Harrison. What's the matter with him? Why should not the people re-elect him? New York Mail and Express.

A People's Ticket.

It is a people's ticket and the people will elect it. It marches to the music of the Union and its destination is the White House.—New York Press.

McKinley's Handsome Vote.

Governor McKinley got a handsome vote, but he will keep it. It is not well to exhaust all the presidential timber in one year.—New York Tribune.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

From our own correspondent.

HARRISBURG, June 14th, 1892. The suspense is over and the Minneapolis convention has done well. The entire country is pleased and all things otherwise, no better choice could have been made, for our standard bearers for this fall's campaign.

With Harrison and Reid in the van the route to the White House is direct and the most graceful and bar democratic friends could do now would be for the Chicago convention to ratify the work of the Republican convention at Minneapolis and give to our candidates an unanimous election. The wisdom of the choice of the Minneapolis convention is appealing to all sides, and by all shades of politicians and our Democratic friends, with singular unanimity of expression have granted to President Harrison the praise of a clean, honest and successful Administration, during the past four years.

During the three days of the convention at Minneapolis our citizens lived around and in the vicinity of the bulletin boards of the newspaper and telegraph offices giving us details of the proceedings of the convention, and eagerly watched each passed bulletin. It was at these places where one could gather the feelings of the public pulse on the question of a choice for a leader and it is singular to note the fact that at no time was there any chance manifested for the nomination of the man from Maine. Indeed from the first the sincerity of the leaders of the Blaine cause was doubted and the wonder was often expressed that Blaine permitted his name to be used in the cause as he did.

The time of the Democratic press of this and other States is that of disappointment because our friends, the enemy do not want to contest with Harrison. The signs of the times point to the renomination of Cleveland by the Chicago democratic convention of two weeks hence, and should such be the outcome of the democratic convention, there will be presented to the voters of the country on the one hand, the champion of protection and the advocate of everything that goes to make our land great and prosperous, and on the other hand, the champion of free trade and the advocate of the principle that American labor must be reduced to the standard of European pauper labor. The first would maintain and hold fast to all that was accomplished by a civil war and the latter would surrender all this and declare the war a failure.

The country has the good results of a four years term of President Harrison's administration before it and these compared with the four years terms of Cleveland ought certainly to leave no reasonable doubt as to which the people ought to give an endorsement at the polls in November next.

At a very largely attended mass meeting on Friday evening last the republicans of Harrisburg ratified the nominations of Harrison and Reid and were enthusiastic over the ticket and promised one of the old time majorities in Dauphin county for the republicans, who head the party ticket this fall.

It is said that a surprise is in store for some of the officeholders on "the hill" under Pattison's rule. The Harrity tactics of having none but Harrity men on guard is still the method and where there is any suspicion that any of the "faithful" are wanting in their fealty to Pattison, they off goes that head.

A rumor was current a few days ago that Major Worman of the Adjutant General's office was to be removed from his place as Chief Assistant to Adjutant General Greenland. There have been no reasons given for such removal but it is understood that a person has gained credence that Major Worman is believed to be more loyal to Chauncey Forward Black of the Cold Stream Creek than he is to Robert E. Pattison and William Harrity. The position of secretary of the Democratic executives of this State held by Major Worman brings him very close to Chauncey Black who is the President of the National Association, and everybody knows that the National Association under Black is doing the thing for the advancement of the cause of Robert E. Pattison for the nomination of the Chicago convention, as the standard bearer of the democratic party for the coming campaign. In fact Major Worman it would has positively refused to use the power of the Pennsylvania Association to boost Patti son's boom and for this act of disloyalty to Harrity Major Worman will be compelled to walk the plank.

Rumor has it that Baltimore has been at work for some time in an effort to pull Chauncey Jacksonian to the direction of some favorable action on the Pattison Presidential boom but all have failed and the attempt to get Major Worman to use the power of his association have also failed, all of which has displeased the Governor with the official referred to and the result, it is currently rumored will be the removal from office of the Chief Assistant to the Adjutant General.

Promises galore by the present democratic administration are made for support of his Presidential boom, which Harrity is engineering, for his Master, and no chance is thrown away. All hands in the various offices under democratic control, "on the Hill" must turn in and do yeomans work and where there is a lack of enthusiasm shown the place such a man may occupy is at once declared vacant and one of the faithful is given the place. This it is reported will be the fate of Major Worman, who is suspected of more fealty to Chauncey Black than he is to Governor Pattison.

The democracy is making preparations for its pilgrimage to Chicago tomorrow week, when the lines of battle will be formed, and so soon as the real hot weather has passed, look out for a lively campaign.

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Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever, corns and skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Frank E. Foster, Druggist.

Lane's Family Medicine Moves the Bowels Each day. Most people need to use it.

FOUR YEARS MORE.

HARRISON WILL HANG UP HIS HAT IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

Union Proxy Session of the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations of the Republican National Standard Bearers—Even Democrats Admit Its Strength.

Odds you and sing the resultsay,
Uncle Harrison has won the day.
With Reid at second come to stay
For four years more.
Our Democratic friends, the Bourbons,
And Hill have got a losing plan;
We'll win the game, most true this is,
For four years more.
Philadelphia Press.

A Fair Democratic Opinion.

For Whitelaw Reid we have thorough respect and liking. He is an excellent writer, a careful student, a judicious editor, a courteous controversialist and an all around newspaper man in the best sense of the word. He is also a pleasing and instructive speaker, a citizen who is possessed of decided executive skill, a politician who has not increased the asperities of partisanship and an American Republican whom opponents can hold in esteem as readily as friends in private life. He should be elected he would well discharge the parliamentary and political duties of the second office of the government and he has the firm nerve, culture, discretion and self poise which would strengthen and adorn the first office in the gift of the people should the operation of the constitution devolve it upon him.—Brooklyn Eagle (Dem.).

The Strongest Candidate.

Beyond any question the president is the strongest candidate the Republicans could have put in the field. If anybody has a doubt upon that point let him read the masterly and decisive nominating speech of Chauncey M. Depew which has won the whole Republican plan of campaign as outlined by the candidacy of its subject. If anything had been wanting to the nomination of Mr. Harrison, this speech would have supplied it, and it will at once take rank as a solid and superb piece of convention oratory by the side of the famous speeches of Ingersoll, Curtis, Blaine and Conkling. It shows us upon the threshold of the campaign just what we shall have to go against, while every indication points to a party back of it quite as united and harmonious as parties are wont to be.—Henry Watterson in Louisville Courier-Journal.

As Certain as the Seasons.

While it would be idle to deny that the sentiment of a large majority of the Republican party of California is for Blaine it is equally true that the Republican who has the interests of his party at stake has any right to feel dissatisfied with the action of the Republican convention in recommending President Harrison. The president will display during his second term the same qualities which have marked his first term, sound judgment, clear and deliberation and approachable integrity. His election will follow his nomination as certainly as one season follows another.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Concerning Harrison's Second Term.

President Harrison needs no introduction to the American people. He needs no stranger to recommend him to the support of the Republican party. Not once since he was elected president in 1888 have the critics whose voices could be heard raised him to that high office had occasion to regret their choice. His administration during his first term has been clean patriotic and distinguished by great achievements and the second term will undoubtedly be equally advantageous to the country and creditable to the president.—Brooklyn Times.

Still the "Unknown Knight."

Sad and touching almost heartrending is the grief of the Democratic and so-called independent press over Mr. Blaine's defeat in the convention. Not content they feel sure about it than Mr. Blaine does. He has spoken out manfully asking all his friends to rally for the overthrow of the party against the common enemy and he is still the plumed knight of the party in the hearts of all true Americans.—Brooklyn Standard-Union.

It Means Another Victory.

President Harrison's nomination means another great victory for the Republican party in November. That his candidacy will call out the full strength of the party at the polls is proven by the fact that it did so in 1888 when he was little known. Since then he has grown immeasurably in the estimation of his fellow citizens as the statesman of national affairs, and especially in the confidence of his own party.—Denver Republican.

They Will All Rally.

That so bitter a struggle as this just ended should cause crudenesses and regrets to mix with the exultations of the victors is inevitable. But with the great majority of the party any disappointment will quickly give way to the determination that it is the Republican party which is at stake and they will rally to the support of their policy as earnestly as if there had been no fight over the candidates.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Intolerant Democratic Praise.

Harrison was loyal only his own successor for the nomination. He has made a passably good president. Whether Reid is as well known as a journalist, and more recently as United States minister to France that it would be super fluous to say anything respecting him more than that judging by his past he will make an able and acceptable vice president.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Dooling "Harmony" Exhibition.

The ground is now cleared for a national exhibition of Democratic "harmony" at Chicago. Our friends, the enemy, have been very much disturbed over the quieting scenes at Minneapolis and have been complaining of the Republican convention as a bear garden. Let us now wait and see whether the Democratic lion and lamb will lie down together.—New York Tribune.

"Who puts not trust in God's righteousness Praises

The power of grace, the magic of a name" asks Campbell, the poet, in his "Pleasures of Hope." Pleasures of Hope, for sooth! Many and many a woman knows them no longer. They are in despair about their health. They are run-down, debilitated, suffering from what they know not. It may be dyspepsia, heart disease, liver or kidney disease, any or all of them. The sickness of women are cured by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. That's where the magic of a name comes in. This improves digestion, invigorates the system, enriches the blood, does away with pain, produces refreshing sleep, dispels nervousness and melancholy, and builds up both the flesh and strength of those reduced below a healthy standard. It is a legitimate medicine, not a beverage. Contains no alcohol or inebriator; no sugar or syrup to sour in the stomach and cause distress. It is as peculiar in its compositions as it is marvelous in its remedial results.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Adopted by the National Convention at Minneapolis June 10.

The representatives of the Republicans of the United States, assembled in general convention on the shores of the Mississippi river, the everlasting bond of an indestructible republic, whose most glorious chapter of history is the record of the Republican party, congratulate their countrymen on the majestic march of the nation under the banners inscribed with the principles of our platform of 1888, vindicated by victory at the polls and prosperity in our fields, workshops and mines, and make the following declaration of principles:

First.—We reaffirm the American doctrine of protection. We call attention to its growth abroad. We maintain that the prosperous condition of our country is largely due to the wise revenue legislation of the Republican congress. We believe that all articles which cannot be produced in the United States, except luxuries, should be admitted free of duty and that on all imports coming in competition with the products of American labor there should be levied duties equal to the difference between wages abroad and at home. We assert that the prices of manufactured articles of general consumption have been reduced under the operations of the tariff act of 1890. We denounce the efforts of the Democratic majority of the house of representatives to destroy our tariff laws piecemeal, as is manifested by their attacks upon wool, lead and lead ores, the chief products of a number of states, and we ask the people for their judgment thereon.

Second. We point to the success of the Republican policy of reciprocity, under which our export trade has vastly increased and new and enlarged markets have been opened for the products of our farms and workshops. We remind the people of the bitter opposition of the Democratic party to this practical business policy, we claim that, executed by a Republican administration, our present laws will eventually give us control of the trade of the world.

Third. The American people from tradition and interest favor bimetallism, and the Republican party demands the use of both gold and silver as standard money, with such restrictions and under such provisions to be determined by legislation as will secure the maintenance of the parity of values of the two metals, so that the purchasing and debt paying power of the dollar, whether of silver, gold or paper, shall be at all times equal. The interests of the producers of the country, its farmers and workingmen—demand that every dollar, paper or coin issued by the government shall be as good as any other. We commend the wise and patriotic steps already taken by our government to secure an international conference, which shall such measures as will insure a parity of value between gold and silver for use as money throughout the world.

Fourth. We demand that every citizen of the United States shall be allowed to cast his free and unrestricted ballot in all public elections, and that such ballot shall be counted and returned as cast; that such laws shall be passed as will secure to every citizen, be he rich or poor, native or foreign born, white or black, the sovereign right guaranteed by the constitution, the free and honest popular ballot and the just and equal representation of all the people as well as their just and equal protection under the laws as the foundation of our republican institutions, and the party will never cease its efforts until the integrity of the ballot and the purity of elections shall be fully established, guaranteed and protected in every state. We denounce the outbreaks in Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi and elsewhere perpetrated on American citizens for political reasons in certain southern states of the Union.

Fifth. We favor the extension of our foreign commerce, the restoration of our merchant marine, the ships built, owned and sailed under the American flag, the protection of our seamen, the establishment of such international relations as will foster, protect and develop our commercial interests, and the Department of State has accomplished much in securing recognition of these principles by other governments.

Sixth. We reaffirm our approval of the Monroe doctrine, and believe in the achievement of the manifest destiny of the republic in its broadest sense.

Seventh. We favor the enactment of more stringent laws and regulations for the restriction of criminal justice and contract immigration.

Eighth. We favor efficient legislation by congress to protect the life and limbs of employees of railroad corporations engaged in carrying interstate commerce and recommend legislation by the respective states that will protect employees engaged in state commerce in building and manufacturing.

Ninth. The Republican party has always been the champion of the oppressed and recognizes the dignity of manhood, irrespective of faith, color or nationality. It sympathizes with the efforts of human rights in Ireland, and protests against the persecution of the Jews in Russia.

Tenth. The ultimate reliance of free popular government is the intelligence of the people and the maintenance of freedom among men. We therefore declare anew our devotion to liberty of thought and conscience, of speech and press, and to all agencies and instrumentalities which contribute to the education of the children of the land, but while insisting upon the fullest measure of religious liberty we are opposed to any union of church and state.

Eleventh. We reaffirm our opposition declared in the Republican platform of 1888, to all combinations of capitalists, organized to control arbitrarily the condition of trade among our citizens. We heartily approve the steps already taken upon this line and favor such further legislation as may be required to remedy such defects in existing laws as time and experience may disclose.

Twelfth. We favor the policy of the improvement of such rivers and harbors of the United States as commerce may demand, to be determined by the amount of such commerce and the appropriations therefor shall be liberal, but discriminating and fairly distributed, so that the greatest benefit may be secured for the money appropriated.

Thirteenth. We favor the extension of the franchise of the district of Columbia to the people thereof.

Fourteenth. We favor such legislation as will secure the election of senators of the United States by a direct vote of the people.

Fifteenth. The admission of the Territories of New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma, Utah and the Indian Territory, having the requisite population and resources to entitle them to admission, is demanded by our national interests, and the Republican party pledges itself to their admission.

Sixteenth. We favor the admission of the remaining territories at the earliest practicable date having due regard to the interests of the people of the territories and of the United States. Pending admission, we favor the creation of such local governments as will secure to every citizen, be he rich or poor, native or foreign born, white or black, the sovereign right guaranteed by the constitution, the free and honest popular ballot, the just and equal representation of all the people as well as their just and equal protection under the laws as the foundation of our republican institutions, and the party will never cease its efforts until the integrity of the ballot and the purity of elections shall be fully established, guaranteed and protected in every state. We denounce the outbreaks in Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi and elsewhere perpetrated on American citizens for political reasons in certain southern states of the Union.

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The Encampment of the Grand Army which will be held in Washington September next will be the greatest gathering of veterans ever witnessed in this continent. The city will be filled beyond description and the Grand Parade will be worth going hundreds of miles to look upon. Do you not suppose this great demonstration and at the same time leave an opportunity to look over the monuments erected out public buildings, the Soldiers Home Arlington and all places of interest in and around the capital of the country? If so we suggest a plan by which you can visit Washington on that great occasion and renting you a dollar [illegible] The regular subscription price of the Mirror and the N Y [illegible] here at $2 50 a year for two papers. We will furnish any one with a ticket from any railroad station in McKean county, to Washington and return, for thirty days sale [illegible] at $1 75 a year for the two papers between now and the first day of September next.

Any one who prefers to do so may remit us the cash subscription rate [illegible] Those who do not succeed in securing the 30 subscribers will be paid [illegible] each for what they do send in.

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—The Treasurer's sale was postponed Monday until June 28, when some of the most valuable tracts in the county will be sold.

—The match game of ball between the boys of Port Allegany and Smethport which was to have been played Wednesday has been postponed until this Friday afternoon.

The mayor of Titusville telegraphed to Mr Gallup and the mayor of Oil City to Mr McAbee expressing their deepest thanks for Smethport's contribution in aid of the sufferers of the two cities.

Frank Bedford, a foreman on the W N Y & P R R, and Miss Emma Hall, both of Clermont were united in marriage at the M E Parsonage, on Wednesday morning by Rev. E F Helms. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for a short tour after which they will make their home at Clermont where both have many warm friends.

Sheriff Grubb started Tuesday morning for the Western Penitentiary having in custody Rathbun of Custer who will serve four years and three months as the result of his forgery. Sam Brumley and Tony are for larceny and Sam Mathews two years for larceny. The Sheriff was accompanied by his son Norman and E B Roberts, of Custer.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Ralph S. Burdick of this place and Miss Alice Munn of Mansfield. The marriage will be consummated at Mansfield on Monday next and after a brief wedding trip the happy couple will return to Smethport where they will make their future home. We extend congratulations in advance.

The [illegible] to the subject of a lecture by Rev S B Grimes will deliver in the M E Church on next Sunday evening at [illegible] o'clock. Music will be rendered by [illegible] and a full attendance is desired. [illegible] Epworth League has arranged to have the lawn free and [illegible] o'clock a social time [illegible] Ice cream [illegible]

[illegible] Rev. Mr. Grimes, pastor of the M E church, left on Monday morning for Conference at Meadville. He was accompanied by Mrs Grimes and Miss Mary Mason, who will visit friends in Meadville.

Mr and Mrs Jas. Clark were called to Custer on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs Spurrier grandfather Mr Stevens.

Chief Lawson and Inspector [illegible] of the Port Allegany *Reporter* was in the county seat Saturday last and made us a pleasant call.

W D Gallup, of Smethport, was in town Monday. While here he purchased the family horse of Chas George. *Port Allegany Reporter.*

Dan Camp, Will Gordon, Ed Brown and Nora Wolfgram, Port Allegany ladies, rode over to the county seat Sunday on their wheels.

J D Wetmore and M J Bartholomew of Warren were visitors at the Mansion House Monday. They were drawn here by the Teachers' Institute.

Carroll E Dennis and wife attended the funeral exercises at Pine Hill cemetery in the forenoon of the 14th inst. in the interest of his long time friend and friend Capt Cory.

Mrs C Sartwell and daughter, Miss [illegible] of Port Allegany, attended the [illegible] concert exercises of the Smethport [illegible] and visitors.

Hon W K Jones, member of the Legislature from Potter county and President of the Coudersport Bank was in town on business [illegible] this week.

Superintendent of Public Instruction [illegible] was over from Smethport this week [illegible] attend the Directors Association meeting.—*Bradford Record.*

Mr. and Mrs J [illegible] Stevens, of Port Allegany, were in town Tuesday on their way to Lamont Mill to visit Mrs. Palmer who is a sister of Mrs Stevens. The former is an estimable wife [illegible] the Mirror office while in town.

Death of Capt. Cory.

Capt. Asa H. Cory died at his residence in Coryville on Sunday afternoon last, aged 77 years. For weeks past he has been confined to his bed, and for many days prior to his death his demise was looked for hourly by his friends.

Capt. Cory was a son of Thos. H. and Lilla (Howe) Cory and was born in Tioga county on the 31st day of May, 1814. His father died when he was quite young and he commenced learning to set type in a Wellsboro office soon after. Later on he established the *Phoenix* in that place for two years. On Sept. 13, 1837, he purchased the McKean County *Journal*, a paper published in Smethport, and on taking possession of it changed the name to the Smethport *Beacon*. He continued the publication of the latter paper about 3 years and then sold it to the late W. S. Ostatt. In 1850 he was married to Lucy, daughter of Hon John Holmes, formerly a prominent resident of this place. About the year 1850 he moved to Coryville where he was since resided. Mrs. Cory died about a year ago. A Orson Cory and Ella [illegible], wife of P. S. Holmes, Esq., of Coryville are their surviving children.

Capt. Cory was a democrat up to the breaking out of the rebellion when he became, what was known in those days, a war democrat. In July, 1861, he received a commission from Governor Curtin to raise a company of volunteers. In a short time the company was filled and subsequently became Co. H of the 58th regiment. Capt. Cory was mustered into the service of the United States on the 1st day of October, 1861. During his ill health occasioned by the malarious atmosphere of Southern Virginia he resigned on the 21st day of August, 1862, and returned home. In 1872 he was appointed Postmaster at Coryville and has held the position to the day of his death. He was a member of the United Brethren church an honest, conscientious citizen, and highly respected by the entire community.

The funeral was held at the family residence in Coryville on Monday afternoon last, Rev Bronson of Farmers Valley officiating. Capt Cory being a comrade of the Eldredge A. R. Post the services at the grave were conducted by the members of that Post in accordance with the G. A. R. ritual. The remains were interred in Pine Hill cemetery of this place beside those of his wife

Commencement Exercises.

The court house was completely packed on Monday evening, the occasion of the commencement exercises of the Smethport graded school and academy, despite the excessive heat. It was the first exercises of the kind ever given in Smethport, but we hope not the last. The graduating class, consisting of Miss Cora H. King, Rose F. King, Bessie M. Shook, Hattie M. Waller and Addie G. Walters, conducted themselves in a highly creditable manner. Rose F. King delivered the salutatory, together with an essay on "Our County" and Bessie M. Shook the valedictory address, also an essay entitled a "Day Dream," both of which were highly spoken of. The other essays, the class history and prophecy were equally deserving of praise. All did nobly, and the result was a general acknowledgment of the proficiency of the teachers in charge of the schools. We append the programme as given, the names printed with an asterisk being members of the junior class.

Vocal Duet—Misses Lena Wright, Cora Mason
Prayer — Rev. S. E. Helms
Vocal Duet — Dr Mccoy, Mrs Ellsworth
Address, followed with salutatory — Rose F. King
Music — Addie G. Walters
Class History — Mrs J. [illegible] Kelly Grace McCoy
Class Prophecy — Cora H. King
Music — Hattie A. Waller
Essays — Misses Mccoy Rogers, McKinley Eckes
Presentation of Diplomas — Hon. T. S. Morrison
Benediction — Rev J. H. Mc Andless

After reading to the company the essays by the five graduates, we doubt if there is anyone in that vast audience who thought other than that the diplomas were well earned and worthily bestowed. Space will not permit of a review of all the essays and it should be an act of injustice to mention one and not the others, and where there was so much of excellence there was little chance for discrimination. The young ladies were each the recipient of handsome floral offerings from admiring friends, and Miss Walters was presented with a copy of "Ivanhoe," by numerous and gifts. In presenting the diplomas Judge Morrison, in words well chosen and appropriate complimented the class on the proficiency shown and the faculty on the evidence of faithful and painstaking work.

Of the musical portion of the program, nothing can be said but in words of praise. The selections were happily chosen and well rendered. Dr J G Williams acceptably filled the position of Marshal.

St. Luke's Grand Organ

Last week we briefly mentioned the receiving of the organ for the new St Luke's church. Since then we have been furnished the following description of this grand organ or combination of three organs. As stated, it is supplied with about 1 000 pipes. Relief valves render it as light to the touch as in the pneumatic action, and mechanical pedals throw out or will various combinations on the small organ and the grand organ. There are twenty-five speaking stops—8 in the great organ, 14 in the swell organ and 3 in the pedal organ. Three 16-foot stops give a grand foundation to the instrument. This organ is equal to a large sized orchestra, having stops or ranks of pipes which give the string tones, the flute, reed and horn tones, representing the violin, violincello, the different flutes, oboe and bassoon, the cornet and cornophian and the delicate aeliosla and vox celeste.

The scheme of the organ has been the result of much study, as the harmonious effect of the various combinations had to be considered just as in the foundation of a large orchestra calculated to produce the harmonious effects required in elaborate musical composition.

Messrs. Johnson & Son, of Westfield, Mass., the builders, rank among the best in the country, and no effort has been spared to produce in this an organ that will bear out their well earned reputation. The cost was $3,000. The work of setting up and voicing will be completed this week.

An organ recital will be given some time before the opening of the new edifice, at which time one or two celebrated organists will be present.

The pipe organ in the old church is offered for sale. It is a two manual and pedal organ of good tone, having 16 speaking stops and four accessory stops, with a total of 720 pipes. This is a rare chance to secure a real organ for church use and it will be sold in this neighborhood can be removed at much reduced cost by taking advantage of the presence of experienced organ builders.

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THE COUNTY.

Interesting News From Various Localities Picked up by Our Regular Correspondents.

EAGLE.

W. F. Weston had business at the county seat Monday.

F. W Wright and P. T. Booth drove in from Mt. Jewett Monday night.

J. W. Baker, of the Kane *Republican* spent Sunday in the city of Smethport.

Dick Dennis and wife leave Friday morning for the convention at Chicago.

Dr. T. L. Kane is in New York this week on business connected with the Opera house block.

Dr. L. H. Lockner and daughter went to Kane on Monday, where Miss Emmie will enter Clark's business college.

Patrick Kavanaugh, it is rumored, will shortly head to the altar one of the winsome young ladies of the west side.

Peterson Bros., are compelled to add more help to their already satisfactory to their pleasing mill to fill their steadily increasing orders.

A. G. Larson, who has been ill with grip, is much improved, and will take hold of the Shoe-fly store of the pleasant the latter part of the week.

When parties are divided—against the matter—there is only disaster ahead. Lessons on the bicycle are that failed to come of the want of harmony.

The little white church on the opposite side of the E. H. from the Thomas House will be the scene of a brilliant wedding on Tuesday the 21st inst.

A. H. Ellis, of Smethport, was registered at the Lamont on Monday. Nem was on a business trip. He declares that Kane has outgrown their so far as his knowledge goes.

Kane may be a little high in have when home [illegible] Smethport, but if the railroad Works [illegible] keep, people will advance unless some of our capitalists build more houses.

Friday (should be Main) street is receiving its finishing touches by street commissioner Campbell, and in a few days of favorable weather the road will be a pleasure to the other day.

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CREEK.

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Dr. J. P. Hoothe, of Olean, was in town the latter part of the week.

Miss Mary Bell, of Bradford, passed Sunday with friends in this place.

Clarence and Will Bissell, of Rochester, N. Y. are visiting friends in town.

Mr. Ben Clark, of Cornell University is the guest of Miss Isabella Van Wormer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Williams, of Portville, were guests of J. R. Greason over Sunday.

C. L. Webster has purchased the residence of J. F. Hoothe and will soon take possession.

Mr and Mrs Clarence Warner, of Portville, have been guests of their father, C. A. Warner, for a few days.

An ice cream social was held by the C. E., on the lawn in front of the church, Monday evening, which was both enjoyable and profitable.

COLLEGE HILL.

Several of the small children in this vicinity are having the whooping cough.

Mrs. L. Burdett is in Mayville this week as a delegate from the E. A. U. of Norwich.

Mrs. McAllister returned from Bradford last week where she had been visiting relatives the past month.

W. C. Gallup is secretary, and Henry Krantz treasurer, of the newly organized school board in Norwich.

Will Brewer, of Norwich, delivered an entertaining sermon in the Union Church last Sunday evening.

Charles Pierce represents the K. O. T. M. of this village, in their annual convention, which is held this week in Rew, Pa.

A team of W. Hermann's was near Mosiertown last week quite an excitement. Nobody was injured, but the horses were so put at [illegible] to cause a runner.

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40 pieces soft bleached cotton, yard wide, now 6 c.

25 pieces Lonsdale soft finish cotton, regular price 10 c., now 7½ c.

Good unbleached cotton, yard wide, at 5 c.

10 pieces table linen, good quality, regular price 45 c., now 28 c.

Table linen in better qualities at 25, 50 75c. up to $1 a yard. Napkins to match, all patterns, from 60 c. a dozen up

Full line of China silk, Surah silk, wash goods, white goods.

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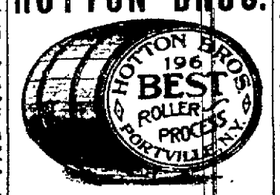

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